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SUBJECT: AZOREAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. AZOREANS LOOK FOR STATUTE APPROVAL: THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO STUDY AND MODIFY THE AZOREAN PROPOSED STATUTE OF AUTONOMY HAS FINISHED ITS WORK AND PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL FOR A PROVISIONAL STATUTE TO THE GOP. THE STATUTE IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 21. IF THE PROVISIONAL STATUTE IS NOT APPROVED BEFORE THE ELECTIONS THERE MAY WELL BE A VOCAL REACTION FROM AZOREANS.

2. EXPLOSIVES STOLEN: FIFTY FIVE KILOS OF TNT WERE STOLEN FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. NO ONE KNOWS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, BUT SOME RELATE THE THEFT TO UNHAPPINESS THAT THE STATUTE OF AUTONOMY HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED YET. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN STOLEN HERE. THE FIRST BATCH WHICH DISAPPEARED LAST AUGUST WAS RETURNED WEEKS LATER BY THE UNKNOWN THEIVES.

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3. ELECTION CAMPAIGN: CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADERS
OF THE PS, PPD AND CDS SHOW THAT THE SOCIALISTS
ARE OPTIMISTIC, THE CDS IS NOT DOING AS WELL AS IT
HOPED AND THE PPD WILL REMAIN THE PARTY WITH THE
LARGEST VOTES. ALL THREE PARTIES EXPECT THE PPD TO FORM THE
FIRST AZOREAN GOVERNMENT AFTER LOCAL ELECTIONS PROBABLY
TO BE HELD IN JUNE.

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